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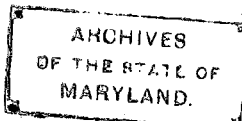
In Council 6th March 1778

No. 109.

We understand by Mr. Shalners, that some Cloathing has been sent to Cambridge to your Care from Caroline County, and expect there is some also from Somerset & Worcester Counties: it is much wanted and we shall be obliged to you to hire a proper Person to bring the whole over, with the Invoices or Memorandums sent to you with it. Mr. Emmell has or will have, some Cloathing: please to let him know of your sending that his may come by the same Conveyance.

We are Sir Y^{rs}

To Robertson Stephens Esq^r }
Sheriff of Lancaster County }



Sir

In Council 7th March 1778

110.

By the inclosed Resolution of Congress, of the 18th of last Month, you see we are desired to embody a sufficient Number of Militia for guarding the Prisoners to be stationed at Fort Frederick and to appoint a Commisary to purchase and supply the Militia with Provisions, during their Time of Service at that Post. We received this Resolue but a few Days ago before the Assembly was to have met and much wished for their Advice and Assistance, but the Badness of the Weather has prevented their Meeting and the Time, in which the Business can be done, is spending very fast: we shall be glad to know the Effect of our former Proposal, that the service of the Militia, as Guards, should discharge their Turn as Usual and whether the Fort is made fit to receive the Prisoners or when it probably will be ready for that Purpose. We beg you will also advise us who will be the most proper Person to act as Commisary for the Militia employed as a Guard. Col^o. Rawlings, in a Conversation with the Governour, expressed an Inclination to have the supplying Provisions for the Prisoners: If his Affairs will allow him to act as Commisary for the Militia, and he would be a good Deal on the Spot, we should incline, all Circumstances equal, to give him a Preference. If you have no immediate Opportunity to Col^o. Rawlings, nor any Body within your View who you think would do the Business better, we wish you to send an Express to him, mentioning the Resolue and requesting him to come down to us, that we may settle Matters with him, if he will undertake it. Mr. S. Hughes promised the Governour to consult who would make the best recruiting Officers in Washington, to set them to Work and advise him of their Names, but no Letter has been received on the Subject: two or three other Gent^l. also promised to consult proper People for this Business but have not done it. Do mention who you think would best answer the Purpose.

Danl. Hughes Esq^r

We are Y^{rs}